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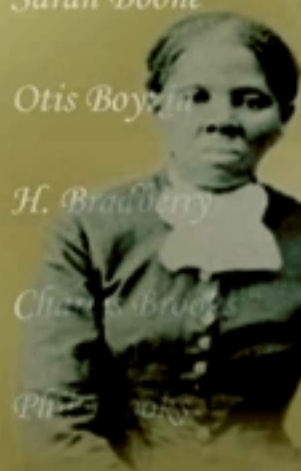
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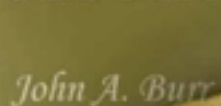
Black History Month



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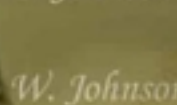
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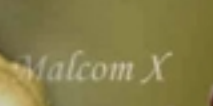
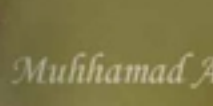
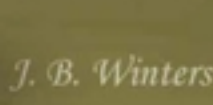
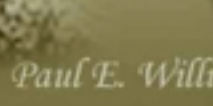
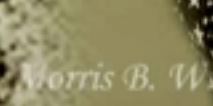
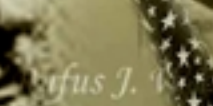
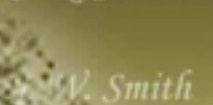
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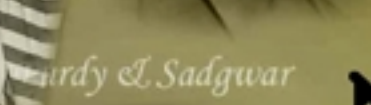
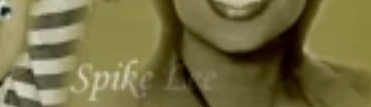
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Martin Luther King Jr.



Commander's Corner

Commander's Salute

This week, I salute **Staff Sgt. Jeff Carlson**, 355th Communications Squadron, for spearheading the implementation of the Defense Message System at D-M. Well done!

Col. Bobby Wilkes
355th Wing
Commander



Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a common goal we all share as members of Team D-M.

Ideas, suggestions, comments and kudos are an important ingredient for continuous improvement.

The fastest way to pass along comment or to get an answer to your concern is to contact the agency chief or functional manager listed here. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is available 24 hours a day, at **228-4747**, or send an e-mail to us at: 355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil.

If you leave your name, phone number and a message, you'll receive a prompt reply, either in writing or by telephone. We will honor your confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If your concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published in the newspaper, we recommend you leave a contact phone number if you'd like us to provide an answer.

Marquee suggestion

Comment:

Just a suggestion: When the flag is half-staff, can a message be placed on the base marquee telling the public why?

Response:

Thank you for your suggestion, which we will implement immediately. Traditionally, our command post, security forces, protocol and public affairs offices receive a multitude of calls when the flag's flown at half-staff. Your initiative to place a message on our electronic marquee at the intersection of Craycroft and Quijota roads will help us better inform the base populous whom we're honoring.

Cardio Club motivators

Comment:

I patronize the fitness center on a daily basis and became an active member of the cardio club. For four months they have been out of the stuff they have been giving out as you reach your miles. I am concerned about the people who have been patronizing and getting into that program specifically for that reason as a motivational booster. Because they have been out of that stuff for such a long time, I am worried that the people who have been going will begin to slack off. I was wondering if you could look into this.

Response:

A fit force is a key component in the Air Force's ability to perform its day-to-day mission. You are correct, our Cardio Club fitness awards help mo-

tivate many of us to stay engaged and strive for that next level. While excited by the large number of participants, I regret we have allowed our award inventory to be overtaken in some categories by our large number of award winners. Rest assured, as inventories are being restocked to meet the demand, all previous awards not available for receipt will be honored. If you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Robert Gibson, fitness center manager, or Master Sgt. Mark Lutchman, fitness center superintendent, at 8-4556.

Wear of black stocking caps

Comment:

What is the base regulation regarding the wear of the black stocking hat during the winter months? Are they only authorized in the work environment or can they be worn around the base? I have not been able to locate a base instruction referencing the issue.

Response:

The black Navy watch cap is authorized for wear at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base from Nov. 1 to March 31, per Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Base Supplement 1, dated Jan. 15, 1996. If you would like to review the base supplement, a copy is maintained by unit orderly rooms. The authorized wear of the watch cap may change if the new base supplement that was submitted to HQ Air Combat Command for consideration in November 2000 is approved. For additional information on uniform wear or other uniform issues, call Tony Wachala, chief, customer support element, military personnel flight, at 8-4169.

Your Final Answer?

Who do you think was a significant Black person? Why?



Tech. Sgt. Eric Balogh
355th Transportation Squadron

"Martin Luther King Jr. because of the positive changes he made peacefully."



GS-5 Ruby Phelps
355th Medical Operations Squadron

"There's so many to pick from, but Martin Luther King Jr. He left an impression on me because of my age when he was assassinated. As I got older I saw the impact he made on society with the changes and the respect he was given, including a national holiday."



Airman Juan Arango
355th Services Squadron

"I'm from Chicago and so is Michael Jordan. He's the best basketball player."



Staff Sgt. Con Wilson
358th Fighter Squadron

"Colin Powell, obviously growing up in his generation has made significant changes. He didn't take criticisms to heart and overcame racism."



2nd Lt. Pam Byrd
355th Medical Operations Squadron

"Nelson Mandela. He was in prison so long and dedicated to his conviction to overcome."



Airman 1st Class Monica Woolfolk
355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

"Frederick Douglass because he educated himself before Blacks were allowed to be educated. He was very intelligent and an author."

Around D-M

O-5 selects named

Seventeen Team D-M majors were selection for promotion to lieutenant colonel. The list was released Thursday.

The selectees are: Lawrence Bates, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron; David Bennett, Air Force Institute of Technology; Bradley Butz, 612th Air Intelligence Squadron; Kenneth Carlson and Bruce Desautels, 355th Training Squadron; Thomas Fitch and Reid Goodwyn, 354th Fighter Squadron; Mark Hobson, 355th Contracting Squadron; Carol Hubbard, Jeffrey Koch and Nancy Paul, 12th Air Force; Weston Jones, 355th Operations Support Squadron; Manuel Montoya, 355th Transportation Squadron; Robert Moring, Eric Schnaible and Robert Singleton, 355th Wing; Michael Pelletier, 355th Component Repair Squadron; and Michael Plummer, 355th Logistics Squadron.

POY banquet

The 355th Operations and Logistics Groups' Annual Professional of the Year banquet is at 6 p.m. March 31 at the Double Tree Hotel on Alvernon. Call Senior Master Sgts. Paul Karnatz at 8-3830 or Vic Magnon at 8-3512 for more information.

Special cover

Thanks to Airman 1st Class Jermaine Rowe, 355th Communications Squadron, for designing the cover page honoring Black History Month.

31 airmen were saved from a DUI charge by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31.

Call AADD at **850-2233** 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 4 p.m. to midnight Sundays for a ride.

Days since last D-M DUI:

05 

Last unit: 355th CS

(Current as of Thursday)



1st Lt. Nikki Credic

Valentine's Vets visits

Skyla Strahle, 2001 Tucson Rodeo Queen, and Davis-Monthan Air Force Base members visit with Joel Andum, a patient at the Southern Arizona Veterans Administration Hospital, as part of the Valentine's for Veterans visit on Wednesday. More than 60 airmen took part in the visit which was part of the 2001 National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week. This week is set aside as a time to express honor and appreciation to hospitalized veterans.

D-M's GTC delinquency rates too high

By Staff Sgt. Karin Wickwire
Public affairs

With 13 percent of the total dollar and 1.3 percent of the total government travel card delinquency rates within Air Combat Command, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base exceeds the Air Force's five percent total dollar and one percent total card delinquency rate standard. These rates are based on accounts more than 60 days late.

The responsibility to reduce D-M's delinquency rates belongs to everyone in the chain of command - from the cardholders to unit leadership, according to Master Sgt. Pamela Condino, 355th Wing agency program coordinator.

Cardholders can help reduce the rates by using the GTC only when in a temporary duty assignment or permanent change of station status; by filing a complete, and accurate, settlement voucher within five days after completing their travel; expediting payment to the bank by using the split disbursement option on their settlement voucher; and travelers who are in TDY status for more than 30 days may arrange for accrual travel settlements to occur every 30 days to pay the monthly GTC statement, Condino said.

Unit GTC coordinators are responsible for downloading and reviewing the various reports available in the Electronic Account Government Ledger System to identify any delinquencies to the proper authority for resolution. Unit commanders and first sergeants can then take the appropriate action to ensure all members

are meeting their financial obligations, she added.

Unfortunately, those military members who avoid their financial obligations are faced with double jeopardy - disciplinary actions through the Uniform Code of Military Justice and credit problems with the GTC banking institution.

Failure to pay a GTC balance is a violation of Article 92, Failure to Obey Order or Regulation. This article covers people who violate or fail to obey any lawful general order or regulation; or, having knowledge of any other lawful order, fails to obey the order; or is derelict in the performance of his or her duties, which can include paying GTC bills, according to an official at the base legal office.

Military members who receive Articles 92 for GTC delinquencies or misuse can face stiff punishment.

If the member was willfully delinquent, the maximum punishment possible for dereliction of duty is a bad conduct discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and confinement for six months. If the delinquency was the result of neglect or culpable inefficiency, the maximum possible punishment is forfeiture of two-thirds pay for three months and confinement for three months, according to the legal official.

However, not everyone who receives disciplinary action will receive the maximum punishment. Each commander tailors the punishment to the offense and the member after reviewing all matters submitted in defense, mitigation or extenuation, the legal official said.

In addition to the military actions,

civil legal actions by GTC bank will begin in an effort to receive payment on overdue accounts.

Any GTC account more than 126 days past due will have the card revoked and the account is transferred to a credit agency, Condino said. "In the past, the bank didn't post the debt with a credit bureau; now it's reporting the individual to the various credit bureaus which may damage the member's credit rating."

There is one bright spot for people who are currently delinquent.

Bank of America, the GTC card institution, is offering a one-time clemency for anyone with an account more than 126 days past due but less than 210 days delinquent - the time when a debt is written off as uncollectible. Members can avoid being reported to credit bureaus if they pay the account balance in full or make payment arrangements by April 2, Condino said. Paying the account off will not reinstate the card, but it can keep people from ruining their credit.

Military members whose cards are revoked must have their commander's approval for future TDYs and will receive orders stating they are ineligible for the GTC. At that point, and with a letter from the commander, they can receive an advance or use their own charge card to travel, she added.

A little financial responsibility will go a long way in preventing GTC delinquencies.

"There are many payment options in place to pay a GTC bill," Condino said. "If the person files a correct voucher in a prompt manner, there is no reason for a delinquency."

AAFES's top student incentives increase

Program offers drawings for \$60,000 in bonds

The "You Made the Grade" Program, the most successful coupon program in the history of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, is about to get better. This year, even more military family members will be rewarded for their academic efforts. In cooperation with the Procter & Gamble Company, Inc., AAFES will increase the value of the January sweepstakes drawing from \$10,000 to \$60,000. Additional drawings for \$10,000 each will be held April, July and October, for a grand total of \$90,000.

"Students would want to participate in hopes of winning one of the savings bonds," said Dewey Brown, AAFES general manager at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. "All get merchandise coupons. They are good for savings on apparel including Nike, Tommy Hilfigger, and discount coupons for compact discs."

Twenty-seven students will win savings bonds, and several thousand more will take home coupon packages worth \$50 in brand-name discounts.

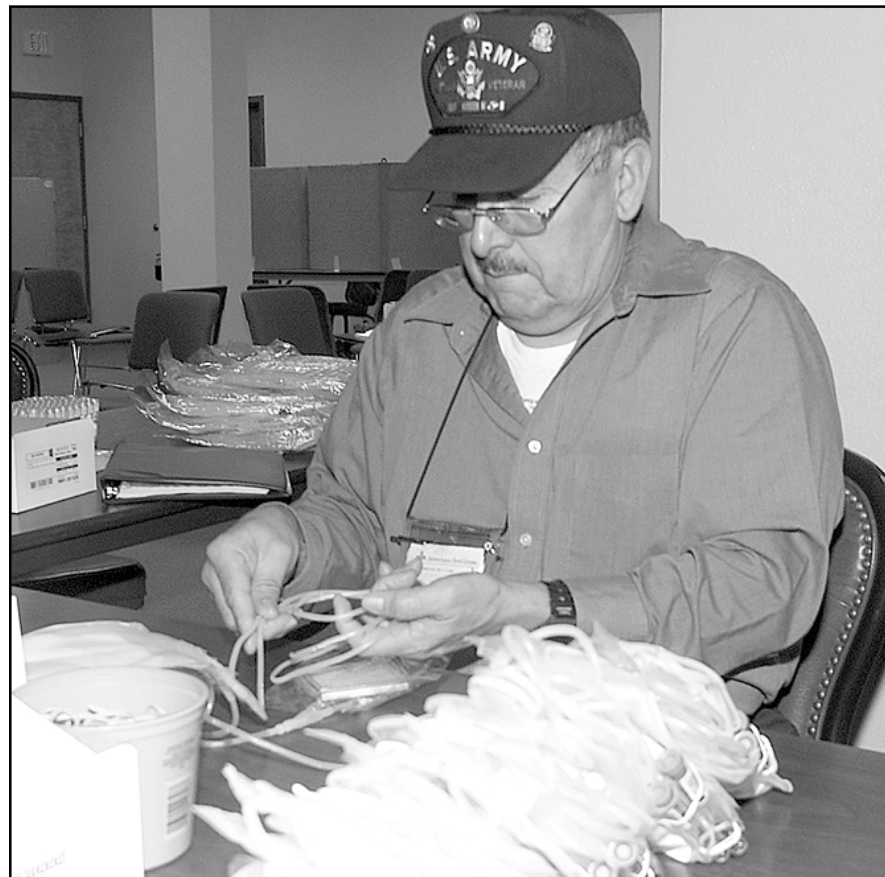
Started in February 2000, the "You Made the Grade" Program is designed to reward students in grades six through 12 for above-average academic achievement, and to inspire them to work even harder in school.

Last year the program awarded thousands of dollars in discounts on brand name merchandise favored by teens, and distributed \$30,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds among nine deserving students from around the world. Students who would like to participate should bring their B-average or better report cards to the AAFES main exchange in order to receive their coupon packages.

Sweepstakes entry forms are included in the coupon packages, and should be mailed to the address shown on the form.

Students may receive one coupon package per report card, but may enter the sweepstakes only once every three months.

For more information, call the base exchange's general manager's office at 8-3904.



Senior Airman Amy Kunkel

Life savers

Arnold Ochoa, a Red Cross volunteer, assembles donation bags for the donors during Wednesday's blood drive. The drive produced 120 productive units of blood. The 355th Supply Squadron earned the Blood Hound title by donating 19 units of blood. April 11 is the next blood drive. Call Tech. Sgt. Liz Santamaria at 8-9048 for more information.

358th FS load crew takes 'best of best'

By Tech. Sgt. Frank Morton
355th Operations Group

A 358th Fighter Squadron weapons load crew is the 355th Wing's Weapons Load Crew of the Year.

Staff Sgt. Todd Holman and Senior Airmen Shawn Michaelsen and Joshua McClure, 358th FS crew-03, received the "best load crew" title after their performance at the wing's annual competition Feb. 2.

The competition was comprised of:

- ❑ A written test;
- ❑ A dress and appearance inspection in accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-2903;
- ❑ A composite tool kit inspection; and
- ❑ A competition "load-off" between weapons load crews from the 354th, 357th and 358th Fighter Squadrons. For the competition the load crews loaded one AGM-65 Maverick missile and two MK-82 500-pound high drag general-purpose bombs.

During the competition, the 358th FS team demonstrated superior weapons loading ability, meticulous attention to detail and a strong desire to be the best weapons load crew in the 355th Wing.

Energy conservation cuts base costs

You've probably seen the headlines: " 'Un-named States' Utilities face bankruptcy," but did you know a similar crisis of high-priced natural gas is effecting Davis-Monthan Air Force Base? In Fiscal Year 2000, D-M paid \$750,000 for its natural gas use. This fiscal year, D-M is predicting the cost of natural gas to be \$1.5 million. This doubling of natural gas prices affects D-M the same way the doubling of gasoline prices effects any consumer.

What has happened? The national supply and storage of natural gas has not kept up with skyrocketing demand. In January 2000, the commodity price of natural gas was \$2.50 per Million British Thermal Unit. For January 2001, that price was \$7.50 per MBTU, an increase of 300 percent.

The 355th Civil Engineer Squadron is attempting to get control of these runaway natural gas costs by encouraging military members, civilian and contract employees, and base residents to conserve natural gas use.

People who reside in family housing or a dorm where 40 percent of the base's natural gas, are asked to adhere to the following guidelines:

- ❑ During the day, allow the sun to heat your residence as much as possible by opening shades and drapes;
- ❑ When the sun goes down, close those shades and drapes to keep the warmth in;
- ❑ Turn down the temperature of the hot water heater;

❑ Dress warmer in the house and turn the temperature down a few degrees during the day; and

❑ At night while you are sleeping, turn it down another few degrees (three to 10) and use an extra blanket.

Every dollar saved on the natural gas bill in housing can go into housing improvement projects.

For the remaining facilities on base, where 60 percent of natural gas is used, people are asked to:

❑ Allow the sun to heat the work area through the windows and remember to close the blinds and drapes at night;

❑ For the areas with manual thermostat controls, request everyone in the area wear warmer clothing and turn the temperature down a few degrees;

❑ In areas with year round air-conditioning, like computer rooms, turn the temperature up a few degrees; and

❑ At the end of the workday, the last person to leave the workplace should turn the temperature down to 60 degrees at night and on weekends.

Saving energy is also saving money. Unfunded money spent on energy for the installation takes away money from other funded projects that will not be completed and this effects everyone in one way or another.

(Courtesy of the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron)



Karen Halstead

Black History Month's Tastes and Tones

Senior Airman Kanani Reed, 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron (right), serves Edward Hopkins, 12th Air Force Financial Management office (left), some of the ethnic food samples offered at the African Tastes and Tones Feb. 9. The event offered a sampling of traditional African-American foods as well as playing some of the music related to the African-American culture. Hopkins, who had seen the event advertised, said, "I thought it was an incredible opportunity to taste some African food." Reed is a member of the Black Heritage Association which sponsored African Tastes and Tones as part of the events planned for Black History Month. Other Black History Month events include the Gospel Jubilee at 6 p.m. Sunday at the base theater; the Buffalo Soldier Tour at 8:15 a.m. Feb. 24 to Fort Huachuca; and the Black Tie Affair and Fashion Show at 6 p.m. March 10 at the Desert Oasis. Call Capt. Sanora Brunson at 8-5815 or Staff Sgt. Robyn Boyd at 8-4912 for more information.

Know rules for special events, sponsorship

By Tech. Sgt. John Steele
355th Security Forces Squadron

Special event letters are authorized for one-time events to sponsor civilians onto Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

The letters are available 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays at Pass & Registration in Building 3200. Sponsors need to turn in three copies of the completed special event letters to Pass & Registration no later than 48 hours prior to the event. Special event sponsors must be military affiliated (a military or civilian employment identification card holder) and are required to present their identification upon turn-in.

All guests listed on the letter are required to have at least one form of picture identification in their possession.

Vehicle operators must have a valid drivers license, current vehicle registration and proof of automobile insurance with them at all times while driving on the installation.

Visitors on small guest lists (less than five individuals) must get an AF Form 75 Visitor/Vehicle Pass at the Visitor Control Center prior to installation entry. People who were accidentally left of the guest list need to get a sponsor and an AF Form 75 before entry will be granted.

Special event letters simplify the sponsorship process and must be used for all events on base. Verbal invitations to on-base functions will not be honored at any installation entry control point.

For more information about special events letters or visitor procedures, call Pass and Registration at 8-3224.

Advertising

Team D-M congratulates January reenlistees

The following Davis-Monthan Air Force Base members reenlisted in January:

355th Wing

Staff Sgt. Charles Acosta
Master Sgt. Gregory Pleasant

25th Operational Weather Squadron

Senior Airman Raymond Ford

41st Electronic Combat Squadron

Senior Airman William Enos
Tech. Sgt. Darrel Fenton
Senior Airman Scott Hmiel
Staff Sgt. William Loy
Senior Airman Jennifer Shaw

42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron

Senior Airman Christy Dixon
Staff Sgt. Thomas Jung
Staff Sgt. Derek Lerma
Staff Sgt. Nathan Shank

43rd Electronic Combat Squadron

Staff Sgt. Illyas Asaddullah
Staff Sgt. Shawn Dooley
Senior Airman Alexander Liang
Staff Sgt. Randolph Maltbia
Tech. Sgt. Kurt Thortsen

Det. 9, 67th Information Operations Group

Staff Sgt. Troy Watson

314th Training Squadron

Staff Sgt. Barbra Creutz

354th Fighter Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Linda Hearn
Tech. Sgt. Magnus Magnusson

355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Master Sgt. Jeffrey Bennett
Staff Sgt. Richard Davenport
Staff Sgt. Peter Davis
Staff Sgt. Coleen Gibson

Senior Airman Shawn Luton
Senior Airman Joseph Majkut Jr.
Staff Sgt. Richard Molina
Senior Airman Sean Petty
Senior Airman Ruben Serna

355th Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Airman Hector Beatrizsantos
Staff Sgt. Thaddeus Gravely
Tech. Sgt. Mark Hightower
Senior Airman Philip Mondano
Staff Sgt. Barry Poer Jr.

355th Communications Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Carlson
Staff Sgt. Brian Poling

355th Component Repair Squadron

Senior Airman Joseph Crisostomo
Staff Sgt. James Diederich
Tech. Sgt. Louis Ellcessor II
Staff Sgt. Walter Fortenberry
Senior Airman Brian Lujin
Senior Master Sgt. Chester Richardson

355th Comptroller Squadron

Senior Airman Melanie Gupstill
Master Sgt. Luis Torres

355th Logistics Support Squadron

Master Sgt. David Jefferson
Staff Sgt. Joshua Sowers

355th Medical Operations Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Clifford Ocampo
Tech. Sgt. Danny Pate
Staff Sgt. Roxanne Thornton

355th Medical Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Lanay Dee

355th Mission Support Squadron

Senior Airman Tina Fay

355th Operations Group

Tech. Sgt. Ricardo Villarreal Jr.

355th Operations Support Squadron

Airman 1st Class Ryan Alby
Staff Sgt. William Quarles Jr.

355th Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Lawrence Couto

355th Supply Squadron

Staff Sgt. Brian Dickinson
Tech. Sgt. David Leblanc
Senior Airman Kevin Steele

355th Training Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jason Henderson
Senior Airman Corinna Runck

355th Transportation Squadron

Staff Sgt. Laurence Festejo
Senior Airman Thomas Riggle

357th Fighter Squadron

Senior Airman Mark Ertel
Staff Sgt. Daryl Littleton

358th Fighter Squadron

Senior Airman Warren Shields
Senior Airman Charlene Unseld
Tech. Sgt. Daniel Woodward

371st Field Training Squadron

Staff Sgt. David Ellis

612th Air Base Squadron

Staff Sgt. Javier Duran
Senior Airman Franklin Samuels
Master Sgt. Gary Swanson
Staff Sgt. Lesley Wilcox

612th Combat Operations Squadron

Staff Sgt. Bob Crespo

612th Communications Systems Squadron

Master Sgt. Richard Cress
Staff Sgt. Brian Keiser
Staff Sgt. Erik Sandwick
Staff Sgt. Erin Scoggins

Advertising

Military ski weekend expected to draw thousands

By Capt. Sean McKenna

Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

Military members and families are invited to participate in an event-filled ski weekend March 2-4 at Copper Mountain Ski Resort in Colorado.

Air Force Space Command and the U.S. Air Force Academy are co-sponsoring SnoFest 2001, a three-day event designed to give families a chance to get away for the weekend and enjoy the Colorado outdoors.

SnoFest is expected to attract upwards of 3,000 people.

Commander's Cup ski racing kicks off the weekend March 2, with installation, unit and individual competitions. Snowboard competitions will also be held that day.

The highest-scoring base wins the traveling Commander's Cup, won last year by Buckley Air Force Base, Colo., said Scott Hackney, race director.

Any base that fields a team can compete, or individuals may compete in solo events, he said.

Both March 2 and 3 are capped off with after-ski parties featuring live entertainment from the Air Force Band of the Rockies' Wild Blue Country.

"Participation in the after-race party has been increasing every year," said Kaye Grant, SnoFest chairman.

"With more and more people taking advantage of the great package deals and staying all weekend, we're going to have two parties this year," Grant added.

"Parti Gras" festivities last year featured random drawings with \$10,000 in prizes, including weekend lodging packages, overnight getaways, airline tickets, skis and snowboards.

Activities for non-skiers include outlet mall shopping, tours, snowmobiles, sleigh rides, swimming, tubing, ice-skating and snowshoeing. Also, the military youth center staffs have planned many activities for infants through teenagers, including day care, games, coloring contests and picture taking.

Pre-purchased SnoFest daily lift tickets are discount priced at \$39 per adult, \$33 per student and \$19 per child. Each ticket includes free admission to the after-ski party or Parti Gras. Lodging prices range from \$99 per day for a hotel room to \$298 for a two-bedroom condominium.

For more information, contact the Buckley AFB Information Tickets and Tours office at (303) 677-6853 or DSN 877-6853. *(Courtesy of Air Force Space Command News Service)*



Armed Forces Health Professions offer scholarships

Dreaming of going to medical school? Let the Air Force help make that dream a reality.

The Air Force Personnel Center's Physician Education Branch receives 50 scholarships every year for active duty officer and enlisted members to attend medical school through the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program. However, because of a lack of active duty applicants, the Air Force loses about 20 opportunities for a free ride into the health profession when they annually turn back these scholarships.

According to Sharon Restivo, AFPC's Medical School Scholarship Program Manager, only four applications have been turned in so far this year — several fewer than in years past.

"With three boards remaining in 2001, I am surprised to have re-

ceived only four applications," she said. "In years past I would have around 10 by now."

The AFHPSP program allows active duty, civilian, Guard and Reserve people a chance to attend a civilian medical school of their choice with Air Force sponsorship. They are commissioned as second lieutenants in the Medical Service Corps, and then placed on inactive obligated Reserve status.

The Air Force pays all tuition, books and most fees as well as gives participants a monthly stipend.

"We have three- and four-year scholarships available," said Restivo.

"Any active duty, ROTC or Academy member that has ever dreamed of going to medical school will never have a better opportunity of making that dream come true. In the last 11 years, every cadet or active

duty member that has met a selection board received a scholarship," he added.

Prospective applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the AFHPSP program:

- All applicants must have an unconditional acceptance letter from an accredited medical school inside the United States or Puerto Rico.

- All applicants must be at least 18 years of age, but less than 35 years of age at the time of commissioning.

- All applicants must be U.S. citizens.

After graduation, the AFHPSP participants are allowed to apply for both active duty and civilian residency programs through the Joint Services Graduate Medical Education Board.

Participants in the program will

incur a four-year active duty service commitment for a four-year scholarship and a three-year active duty service commitment for a three-year scholarship.

"Imagine graduating from medical school and having no student loans. Imagine being able to complete your military career and having all your dreams come true," said Restivo. "It doesn't get any better than this."

Civilians, members of other services and Air Force Reservists interested in applying for the AFHPSP should call their local Air Force Health Profession recruiter. Air Force active duty members, Air Force ROTC cadets and Air Force Academy cadets should contact Sharon Restivo at the Air Force Personnel Center at DSN 665-2638 or (800) 531-5800 for more information about this program.

Advertising

I was getting ready to write down my words on community involvement for this article when my son, Jeffrey, asked me to edit a paper he was writing for school. After I read it I knew that my article could not come close. I hope you like it as much as I did!

Chief Master Sgt. Mark Davis
355th Services Squadron

Remember! By Jeffrey Davis
Remember Dr. [Martin Luther] King [Jr.] as an inspiring force in this world, as a speaker, as a thinker “outside the box,” and as a person who changed the world in his tremendous life. He was not only a man of God, but he was a leader of men. Dr. King believed that with perseverance, hard work, and truthful words, we could bring our nation out of the dark pit of racism. Dr. King believed that all people are created equal, just as our forefathers did when they left England to gain equality and freedom.

Dr. King believed in the words of the preamble, “We the People.” He fought for everyone’s rights as humans. He knew people should not be judged on the color of their skin. He believed that people’s identity is contained in the soul within, and that will live forever! Dr. King was not just a man, but the first true civil rights leader for

King’s community involvement was more than just words



Chief Master Sgt. Mark Davis (right), and his son look over materials in the chief’s office. Chief Davis is superintendent of the 355th Services Squadron. His 14-year-old son is in 8th grade at Naylor Middle School.

the entire world. When Dr. King took on the country to bring equality to everyone he endured many persecutions in the process.

From cross burnings in his front yard, to being drenched by fire hoses, to daily threats on his life. Most men would have given up and

quit. But because he had perseverance and true faith, he continued to march on. He began a movement of non-violent protest and sit-ins that would begin the civil rights movement by using his belief in the teachings of Gandhi and Jesus Christ. He took upon his shoulders the cause of being the first true civil rights leader for the equality of all people. This earned him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

The laws that were enacted by our government between 1865 and 1868 were being ignored. Dr. King’s speech “I have a dream” would touch the moral sense of a nation and cause us to follow those laws and enact new ones. The eyes of the world were on a nation that was caught up in turmoil, fighting for total equality for all.

Martin Luther King Jr’s birthday has become a national holiday showing that the dream did not die with the man. His assassination proved that the soul and truth lives on forever. His legacy is a testament that all people are truly created equal. So we must remember that if we want freedom we must stand together as one and continue to fight for total equality for everyone. Dr. King did, and he made the ultimate sacrifice for this cause.

Remember!

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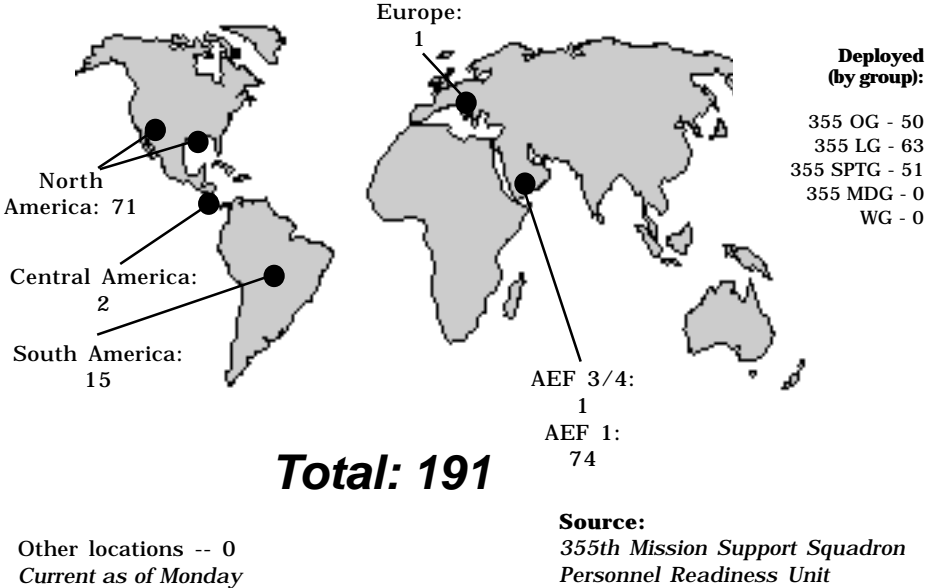
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355th Wing Flying Goals

Hours	41st	42nd	43rd	Sorties	354th	357th	358th
	ECS	ACCS	ECS		FS	FS	FS
Goal	327	340	232		483	385	354
Flown	176	168	150		256	203	198
Delta	6	10	10		-8	2	4
FY 2001	29	11	117		15	17	60

Where are 355th Wing members serving?

This time last year, **75** members of the 355th Wing were deployed.



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Officials detail key points on yard care, exterior maintenance, self-help projects in Family Housing

By Patty Kebodeaux
355th Civil Engineer Squadron

Warmer spring weather will soon be upon us. Yard maintenance responsibilities increase as vegetation grows during the warmer months. Maintaining the exterior areas in family housing and mobile homes parks is a shared community responsibility between civil engineers who maintain the common areas and playgrounds, and family housing and mobile home park residents who maintain their assigned yards.

“Keeping our housing area looking good takes a team effort and we’re committed to provide the resources and information our residents need to maintain and improve the grounds around their home,” said Lt. Col. Theresa Carter, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron commander.

As a general rule, residents are responsible for the care and maintenance of their yard up to 50 feet from their dwelling, up to and including the sidewalks and street gutter in front of and/or alongside their homes. Residents are responsible for providing routine maintenance, minor repair and operation, and housekeeping to maintain base standards for family housing.

Lawns should be mowed, trimmed and edged on a regular basis to present a well-manicured appearance. Mowing heights for lawn areas can range from 1.5 inches minimum to three inches maximum. Grass should be trimmed the same height around the house, fence, patios, backyard, clothesline poles, trees and shrubs. Weeds and grass must be removed from desert landscaping, curbs and sidewalks. Residents are responsible for trimming lower tree branches and shoots up to six feet from the ground. This helps maintain a uniform appearance throughout base housing. Clean up and disposal of tree branches and leaves must be accomplished promptly by taking the branches to the base recycling center on Yuma Road. Tree branches that are beyond the resident’s responsibility will be trimmed and removed by the base grounds contractor. Residents who have citrus trees in their yards must pick up fallen fruit on a regular basis.

In addition to routine yard care, owners are responsible for the exterior maintenance of their homes. Pet owners must clean up animal feces daily to avoid fly infestations, disease and unpleasant odors. Cluttered carports detract from the exterior appearance and must be kept neat and clean. Carports are intended for resident’s personal vehicle and bicycles.

Patio furniture is also permitted in the carports for those housing units that do not have covered patios. Personal belongings such as household furniture and goods, workbenches and auto parts may not be stored in carports. Driveways must be kept clean and free of oil and other vehicle fluids. Vehicle maintenance, other than emergency work such as jump-starting a vehicle or changing a flat tire may not be performed in family housing.

To help residents maintain the appearance of their yards and exterior areas, the housing maintenance contractor, provides monthly street sweeping. The contractor’s family housing self-help center has a variety of gardening tools available for use and seasonal items such as fertilizer, grass seeds and weed killer. The center is located in Building 675, on the corner of National Boulevard and Phantom. They can be reached at 8-8600.

Self-help projects are encouraged to beautify and improve homes. Residents who are interested in converting their lawn to desert landscaping, replenishing existing landscape gravel or would like plants may submit a landscaping plan to the housing management office for approval. Desert landscaping greatly reduces water consumption as well as eliminating weekly yard mowing. Upon approval, the 355th Civil Engineer’s Self-Help Center will assist with landscaping needs and plant selection. Self-Help personnel will conduct a site survey and schedule an entomologist to spray grass areas where the new desert landscaping is planned. Landscaping requiring digging below four-inches of the surface requires a permit. The permit will be coordinated with base and local Tucson agencies prior to digging to ensure that all underground utility lines are marked for the resident’s safety.

The housing management office has also implemented a \$100,000 home-improvement Self-Help Program that provides items such as ceiling fans, screen doors, garage door openers, ceiling lights, medicine cabinets and bathroom accessories to family housing residents. Volunteer Self-Help Academy Instructors who live in family housing provide residents with assistance when installing these items. “This program is really making a difference by encouraging a home-ownership attitude in family housing”, said a Self-Help Program official.

Currently new projects such as roofing, exterior paint, patio slabs and underground utility line repairs are in progress throughout family housing.

“Working together, residents and civil engineers make a positive difference in the quality of life and a more enjoyable stay at Davis-Monthan,” said Roger Johnston, housing flight chief.

The housing office conducts weekly yard and exterior care assessments to ensure each home is maintained in accordance with the criteria as outlined in the Family Housing Yard Care and Exterior Maintenance Standards pamphlet and the Housing Brochure.

The assessments are conducted in Kachina Village and the mobile home parks every Tuesday, and Palo Verde Village every Wednesday. Residents who are not in compliance with the standards will be issued a discrepancy notice detailing the item(s) to be corrected. If the discrepancy is relatively minor, the assessment may be a courtesy notice only. However, a discrepancy that requires immediate attention or is an ongoing problem will be kept on file. Continued disregard for failure to maintain yards or exterior will result in the resident’s commander being notified of the problem. If the problem persists, termination from base housing may occur. Residents who have questions on yard or exterior care standards can request a housing management representative to personally brief them at their home. Call the housing office at 8-6609 to arrange a visit.

Beginning April 1, Family Housing Beautification Month kicks off. Beautification Month is a fix-up, clean-up, and spruce-up program designed to recognize the most improved yards and exterior appearances in Palo Verde Village, Kachina Village and the mobile home parks. Winners will be notified and prizes awarded at the end of April. All winners will receive prizes such as yard and garden items, Services squadron coupon books, and Certificates of Appreciation.

In May, the Yard of the Month competition begins and runs through August. The Yard of the Month Program is designed to recognize and reward residents who display exemplary care of their yards and exterior areas. One winner will be selected each month from Palo Verde Village, Kachina Village and the mobile home parks. Prizes for all winners include a plaque and Services squadron coupon books. Additional prizes for family housing includes ceiling fans, ice makers, etc. Winners in the mobile home park will receive yard tools, garden items, etc. More details on these programs will be published as the program draws closer.

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Health Focus

By Col. (Dr.) Les Shigetani
355th Dental Squadron

According to the American Dental Association, you are considered a high cavities risk individual if you had two or more cavities in the past three years, have poor oral hygiene, frequent sugar intake, inadequate saliva flow, and inadequate use of topical fluoride.

The Air Force Dental Service began collecting data on the caries risk status of active duty USAF personnel since October 1999. Data from the past year on caries risk shows that approximately 25 percent of our active duty personnel at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base are at high risk for dental caries.

At D-M, the most common causes of cavities in the high risk group are the high use of sugared drinks and snacks, and the low use of brushing and flossing.

It is not uncommon to see young airmen at their first dental checkup with dozens of cavities.

When asked about their dietary habits, these patients with rampant caries frequently respond that they drink lots of soda, sweetened drinks or fruit juices, constantly suck on hard candy or breath mints, or regularly snack on chocolate or chewy type candies.

Another disturbing trend that occurs at D-M involves airmen that arrive without cavities, or have not had a cavity for several years. These airmen then start getting cavities after they have been stationed here for over a year.

The warm weather in this area forces people to drink more fluids. And if these fluids contain any sugar, people have increased the risk of getting cavities. The long

work hours and shift work also lend itself to the increased intake of caffeinated beverages. Many of the caffeinated sodas have high sugar content and adding sugar to coffee or tea is an easy way to increase the caries risk.

Having multiple, deep cavities is a military readiness issue since these conditions have a potential to affect mobility status and to disqualify a person from being deployed. If the examining dentist finds oral conditions that may result in a dental emergency within 12 months, people will not be worldwide qualified until those conditions are treated.

Just getting the cavities filled does not permanently fix the problem. If the causes of the cavities (high frequency of sugar

exposure and poor oral hygiene) have not been addressed and changed, dental decay can easily occur around the edges of any filling.

The best way to combat cavities is to follow three simple steps:

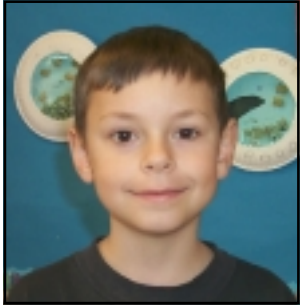
1. Drink water and cut down on the sodas and sweetened drinks. Reduce between-meal snacks that contain sugar. Remember, it's those sugary and starchy foods and drinks that put teeth at extra risk.

2. Brush after every meal and floss daily. Only buy toothpastes and rinses that contain fluoride (antiseptic rinses also help remove plaque) and that bear the American Dental Association seal of acceptance logo on the package.

3. Talk to the dentist during those annual dental examinations about your risk for getting cavities. If your dentist determines you are at a high risk for dental decay, he/she may prescribe antibacterial rinses, supplemental fluoride, pit and fissure sealants, and xylitol (sugar-free) gum.

Are you at high risk for cavities?

Final Answer II (in support of National Children's Dental Health Month)—— *Why is it important to brush your teeth?*



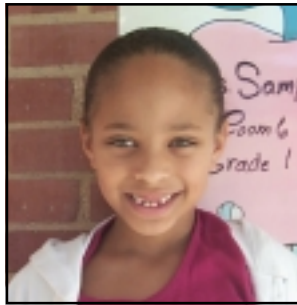
**Adam Bugg,
2nd Grade**

"Because if you don't,
you could get holes."



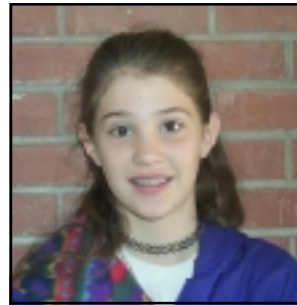
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"To make your teeth
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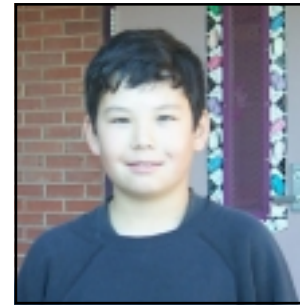
**LeeLane
Maywood,
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"To keep them clean."



**Stephanie
McCormick,
5th Grade**

"Because instead of
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be white and they'll
stay straighter."



**Sean Mullen,
4th Grade**

"So that you can
prevent gum disease."



**Courtney
Sorensen,
Kindergarten**

"So you won't get
cavities."

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Korean War remembered



(Editor's note: As America recognizes its veterans (through the next two years) to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, the Desert Airman is chronicling the significant events.) The following significant Air Force events occurred in 1951 from Feb 9-21:

Feb. 9: U.S. troops reached the Han River seven miles east-southeast of Seoul.

Feb. 10: United Nations forces captured the port of Inchon and the important nearby airfield at Kimpo.

Air raids had cratered the field so badly that it required extensive renovation before Air Force aircraft could use it.

On the east coast, Republic of Korea troops crossed the 38th parallel and entered Yangyang.

Feb. 11/12: In central Korea some 50 miles east of Seoul, Chinese and North Korean forces attacked the ROK 3rd and 8th Divisions north and northwest of

Hoengsong and in two days captured the town, forcing the UN forces toward Wonju, a few miles to the south.

Feb. 12: Far East Air Forces cargo aircraft air-dropped supplies to the X Corps command post airstrip at Wonju. A leaflet-dropping C-47 aircraft, hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire, crash landed at Suwon. Far East Air Forces decided to launch subsequent C-47 leaflet drops at night. While B-26s attacked enemy positions at night behind the battle line by the light of air-dropped flares, two enemy aircraft used the same flare light to attack UN positions.

Feb. 13: The 315th Air Division airlifted more than 800 sick and wounded U.S. troops

from forward airstrips such as that at Wonju to Taegu and Pusan. This airlift used so many C-47s that they were not available for other airlift demands.

Feb. 13-16: Three Communist Chinese Forces divisions surrounded UN troops, including members of the U.S. 23rd Regimental Combat Team and the French Battalion, at a crucial road junction at Chipyeong-ni in central Korea.

Despite heavy enemy ground fire, 93 transports dropped some 420 tons of food and ammunition to the encircled troops.

Twenty C-119s dropped supplies at night over a zone marked by burning gasoline-soaked rags.

Also, H-5 helicopters delivered medical supplies to the troops and evacuated more than 40 wounded. Fifth Air Force flew close air support missions for the surrounded troops, who held out until relieved by a friendly armored column.

Feb. 16: For the first time,

the Army began using its own aircraft, the L-19 Bird Dog, for forward air control, artillery spotting and other front-line duties, relieving 5th Air Force of demands for these types of missions.

Feb. 17/18: B-26s flew the first night bombing mission using shoran, a short range navigation system employing an airborne radar device and two ground beacon stations for precision bombing.

Feb. 20: Far East Air Forces activated a "Special Air Mission" detachment under the 315th Air Division to provide air transportation for important officials and for psychological warfare missions, for example, aerial broadcasting and leaflet drops.

Feb. 21: The 8th Army launched Operation KILLER to destroy large numbers of enemy troops while moving the UN line northward to the Han River.

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Heroes of the sky

Tuskegee Airmen keep history alive in local chapter

**Story and photo by
Karen Halstead
Public Affairs**

Retired Col. Vernon Haywood met retired Chief Master Sgt. Livingston Williams Jr. and retired Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Summers more than 56 years ago. Today they all live in the Tucson area.

They didn't know years later their paths would cross several times during their military careers, or eventually they would become lifetime members as Tuskegee Airmen. Today they belong to Tucson's Fred Archer Tuskegee Airmen Chapter.

In 1938, "I went to Hampton (Institute) because I wanted to learn to fly," Haywood said. "I wanted to fly since I was in the fifth grade." Hampton was one of six Black colleges the War Department selected for the Civil Pilots Training Program.

As a young boy, lying in a field near his local airport, Haywood ate berries and watched the airplanes, "I used to go out and sit on the steps (at his home) and watch the birds land on the wood shed. A couple of times I even used an umbrella and jumped off the shed. I was fascinated that birds could fly," Haywood said.

Advanced training

"I figured Hampton was the best place to go," Summers said. He didn't have relatives working or attending Hampton. Haywood met Summers when both attended Hampton in work-study programs.

"When Tuskegee opened, they wanted any Black who knew anything about aviation," Summers said. He took a civilian job and trained at an Army Air Corps base in Pennsylvania, then accepted a transfer to Tuskegee Army Air Field, Ala. "A promotion -- a fairly good one -- came with my initial transfer," Summers said.

He was eventually drafted, but remained at Tuskegee AAF training other drafted Blacks.



Retired Chief Master Sgt. Livingston Williams Jr., left, and retired Col. Vernon Haywood, reminisce about their active-duty days as Tuskegee Airmen during a local chapter meeting. Haywood flew more than 6,000 hours during his military service from World War II, Korea and Vietnam; he retired from D-M in 1971 as Commander of the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center.

Haywood continued CPTP training at Hampton.

As one of three top trainees in his class, he received advanced training at Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

"Advanced training was paramount if you were going to fly planes in the Army Air Corps," Haywood said. Haywood applied to the AAC after his advanced training, but wasn't selected and returned to Hampton.

A year later in 1942, Haywood got called to join the AAC at Tuskegee AAF. "It took me a week running all over the campus to collect the signa-

tures I needed to go," Haywood said. Following nine months of training, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant. "It was nothing to fly the Stearman (P-17)," Haywood said. "It was just a matter of doing what the instructor wanted the way he wanted it."

While Haywood flew the "birds," Summers viewed airplanes from a different perspective. "I wanted to know everything about these planes," Summers said. "Why and what made them fly? These things shouldn't fly I thought, for me the fascinating part was the maintenance.

"Commanders and pilots have a different view point than somebody who is thirsty for information about the airplane," Summers said. "I worked very hard at maintaining the aircraft.

"Things happened at Tuskegee. Cadets and pilots were treated differently because of the tremendous financial outlay. It certainly wasn't any easier (for them), they were just in a different category," Summers said.

"When we got assigned overseas, it (being treated differently) all went away," Haywood said. "It was different flying over there because we had limited training at Tuskegee. We didn't have the space to train with live ammo.

"We were happy to go overseas and get away from the problems," Haywood said. "Normally, when a new pilot comes in they'd get an orientation. Hearing the guys talk about the way they got treated upon arrival, it wasn't the type of training they should have had in an orientation."

It's just good business to "provide the proper orientation before allowing a group to go (into a mission)," Haywood said. "I remember Davis (Lt. Gen. Benjamin Davis Jr.), went back to the War Department and talked about the way they were being treated. "When he returned, the 79th Fighter Group wanted the 99th Fighter Squadron (to be part of the group) and it got better."

Executive orders

President Harry Truman signed two executive orders in 1948 directing appointed officers to make all actions based solely on merit and fitness. Officers were to insure all such actions were free of discrimination of race, color, religion or national origin.

The second order established the President's Committee on Equality and Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Forces, giving roots to the

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Tax tips

(Editor's note: As the income tax filing deadline nears, the Desert Airman will run articles to help people with tax-related questions through the coming weeks. The articles are provided as a public service by ARAContent.com and printed with the permission of the publisher. The last article in this series will be published April 13.)

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Taxpayers are entitled to fair treatment, privacy, and representation, in addition to specific rights that apply in collection, examination or appeals matters. The IRS has a number of publications to guide you when confronted with these processes. IRS Publication 1, Your Rights as a Taxpayer, and IRS Publication 1SP, Derechos del Contribuyente, highlight some of the key rights as a taxpayer, and explain the examination, appeals, collection, and refund processes. Publication 556, Examination of Returns, Appeal Rights, and Claims for Refund, provides more in-depth information



on the examination and appeals processes. Publication 594, Understanding the Collection Process, and Publication 594SP, Comprendiendo el Proceso de Cobro, define the rights and duties of a taxpayer who owes federal taxes. These publications can be downloaded from the IRS Web site, www.irs.gov, or ordered free from the IRS by calling 1-800-829-3676. For taxpayer assistance, call the toll-free IRS help-line at 1-800-829-1040.

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directly into your bank account. You may want to ask your financial institution if they accept direct deposit, including joint tax refunds into individual accounts. They can also verify the correct routing and account numbers that you will need on your return when using direct deposit. Although direct deposit can be used in most situations, it can't be used when filing a prior year's return. Also, direct deposit will not occur if the name on the tax return and bank account don't match. Direct deposits of refunds won't go into foreign bank accounts, either. If, for some reason, the refund can't be directly deposited into a taxpayer's account, the U.S. Treasury will send a check instead.

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Military Civilian Equal Opportunities Office.

As a result of these orders in 1949, the Secretary of the Air Force formed a plan to desegregate the Air Force.

The plan closed Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio, now known as Rickenbacker Field. All members were immediately reassigned.

Williams had served in the Pacific theater during World War II in the Army.

He decided lying in dirt wasn't for him and found an AAC officer willing to take him.

Entering the AAC as a master sergeant, he went to Lockbourne and met Haywood. When the order fell to desegregate, Williams went to Lowry

Field, Colo.

"I was supposed to be an instructor at the finance school," Williams said. "I waited three days for the commander to talk to me. I followed him heel to toe into his office and had a man-to-man talk. I told him I knew what this was about (him not seeing me). The school commandant didn't want me," Williams said.

Orders were soon cut for Williams to go to Sheppard AFB, Texas.

"I didn't want to go there," Williams said. "I didn't want to go anywhere in the south."

Williams interviewed for a job at Lowry's finance office, where "they were more than willing to take me," Williams said.

The person Williams replaced

was reassigned to Sheppard.

"Why didn't they (the Air Force) bring anyone in to Lockbourne instead of closing us and sending us out?" Williams said. "We had an established base."

Haywood went to Williams AFB, Ariz., as one of the first four Black instructor pilots.

"The commander told us we would be assigned by rank," Haywood said. "I had the rank of a flight commander, I got the job. Things changed overnight," said Summers, who was then stationed at Walker AFB, N.M.

"Blacks were always assigned to Squadron C.

"We ate and slept in our squadron and had the odd jobs around, menial jobs.

"The next day we had jobs in squadrons and we were moved to the barracks of the squadrons where we were working.

"It caused some frustration, but the President said it would be, and it was."

"There's a certain position when you're flying you can look over and see the pilot in the cockpit," Haywood said.

"Maybe you can see the pilot, maybe not, but you can't see their skin color.

"There's one important thing, is he or she doing the right thing at the right time. That's really what matters."

The motto of the 302nd Squadron sums it up:

"In spite of...can do, must do, will do, in spite of, let's go," Haywood said.

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Senior ladies hit links Wednesdays



Every Wednesday morning at the Blanchard Golf Course, the 9- and 18-hole senior ladies hit the links.

(above) Al Creque, a Blanchard staffer, gives Gail Grossetts some pointers on how to improve her shooting.

(left) Dottie Hunt shows her form on the tee box.

(bottom far left) JoyCee Johnson lines up a putt on the #1 green.

(bottom left center) Barbara Baldwin gets set for a tap-in on the front nine at Blanchard.

(bottom right center) Mary Sullivan uses a fairway wood to get distance from a tough lie.

(bottom far right) Gail Grossetts lines up her putt on #7.

Ladies interested in more information about the golf groups can call the Blanchard Golf Course at 8-3734.

Regular tee times for non-league play are available three days in advance for active-duty personnel.

Military retirees can call for tee times two days in advance (after 8 a.m.) Department of Defense civilians can call for a tee time two days in advance (after noon).

Photos by Airman 1st Class Maryann Walker



Sports Shorts

Bench press champions

The Fitness Center hosted a bench press competition Feb. 9. Following are the winners by weight class (top lift in parentheses):

- 145-175 pounds** - William Beverly (275 pounds)
- 176-205 pounds** - Keith Shivers and Guy Dashnea (335 pounds)
- 206 pounds and higher** - Shane Maupin (405 pounds)

Congratulations to the winners!!

Bowling center closed; lounge remains open

D-M's Bowling Center is shut down until early March, during installation of 20 new lanes. The temporary closure affects lanes, the pro shop and the Head Pin Cafe, but does not affect the lounge, which opens at 3 p.m. weekdays. An exact reopening date will be announced in the near future.

Weightlifting meet

There's a weightlifting squat competition at 1 p.m. today at the fitness center. Competitors may enter anytime before the meet. Next Friday is a dead-lift competition. Find out more from the fitness center, 8-3714.

Pool playoffs

D-M 8-ball players have until March 6 to

enter Air Combat Command's "Swim with the Sharks" Tournament, at the Desert Oasis Club. Base-wide playoffs determine which team travels to Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C., April 25-27, to represent the base at the ACC finals. Playoffs begin March 7, and continue Wednesdays and Thursdays, at 6 p.m.

The tournament is open to two-person teams; all players must belong to the Desert Oasis Club. Base winners get a \$100 club credit and carry-on luggage for their trip. Members of ACC's top three teams win airline travel vouchers - \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second and \$250 for third. Swim with the Sharks sponsors are Allied Domecq Spirits U.S.A., and First USA Bank (*no federal endorsement intended*). Club-member judges are also needed. Call Wendy Decatur or Jerry Kennedy at the club, 748-8666, for additional information.

Dragsters at base exchange

Dragsters will be on display at the D-M Base Exchange parking lot, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday. National Hot Rod Association drag racing is held at the Pima County Fairgrounds, Feb. 23-25. Gates for Tucson Thunder open daily at 7:30 a.m., followed by qualifying runs, time trials and racing. Final eliminations are at 9 a.m., Feb. 25.

Spectators can talk with the drivers at the BX, inspect the dragsters and hear their

engines. Door prizes and complimentary tickets will be given away. Military discount tickets are on sale now at Information, Tickets & Tours, in Bldg. 4430, or call ITT for information at 8-3700.

Team off to successful start

The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base women's soccer team successfully started their second season Feb. 4 by defeating a local city team 3-2.

The first goal was scored 15 minutes into the game from a far right outside shot by Amanda Witt after an assist pass from Jill Thomas. The second goal came 10 minutes later by Witt off a left cross from Jennifer Hawkes. The final goal of the game came shortly after the second half with the scoring run down the middle of the field and shot by Witt.

When Witt was asked about her hat trick at the end of the game she just gave a modest smile and said, "Four goals would have seemed a little greedy."

The well-motivated defense of Brittany Ross, Jacqueline Yockey, Carolyn Stratton, Rita Brosseau, and Andrea Boye held the local team to only two goals even during periods of being short one player.

The team is very excited about this season and invites anyone to come watch their matches. Also, it is not too late to come out and play on the team. Practices are held Mondays and Tuesdays. Call Enrique Dovalo at 529-2687 for more information.

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Basketball

Intramural Mon/Wed

(as of Wednesday)

Team	W-L
357 FS	6-1
12 AF	6-2
43 ECS	5-2
354 FS	5-2
SFS	4-3
CS	4-3
41 ECS	4-4
MDG	3-4
42 ACCS	2-5
CPTS	1-7
OSS	0-7

Intramural Tues/Thurs

(as of Wednesday)

Team	W-L
CES	8-0
SVS	7-1
TRANS	6-2
MSS	6-3
SUPS	5-3
25 OWS	4-4
EMS	3-5
CRS	2-6
DECA	2-6
358 FS	1-7
162 FW (ANG)	1-8

Over-30

(as of Wednesday)

Team	W-L
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SVS	8-0
12 AF	7-2
CES	6-2
MSS	6-2
25 OWS	6-2
LSS	6-2
SFS	5-3
MDG	4-4
CS	4-5
42 ACCS	4-5
41 ECS	2-6
OSS	2-7
EMS	1-8
354 FS	0-9

Bowling

Intramural - American

(Week 22)

Team	W-L
MDG #2	115-53
41 ECS #2	106-62
42 ACCS #2	100-68
MDG #1	96-72
CONS	92-76
41 ECS #1	87-81
OSS	80-88
42 ACCS #1	80-88
43 ECS	24-144
High Scratch Game (Team):	
41 ECS #1, 874	
High Scratch Series (Team):	
41 ECS #1, 2538	
High Scratch Game (Men):	
Donald Karstetter, 267	
High Scratch Series (Men):	
Donald Karstetter, 646	
High Scratch Game	
(Women): D. Patterson, 170	

High Scratch Series
(Women): D. Patterson, 439

Intramural - National

(Week 22)

Team	W-L
SVS	103-65
12 AF #1	93-75
AMARC	93-75
AMMO	90-78
MSS	87-81
SUPS	86-82
CRS	86-82
12 AF #3	82-86
COMM	80-88
25 OWS	74-94
TRANS	72-96
358th	62-106
High Scratch Game (Team):	
AMARC, 1107	
High Scratch Series (Team):	
AMARC, 2945	
High Scratch Game (Men):	
Billy Davidson, 288	
High Scratch Series (Men):	
Billy Davidson, 724	
High Scratch Game	
(Women): P. Trezevant, 184	
High Scratch Series	
(Women): P. Trezevant, 483	

Tuesday Early Risers

(Week 20)

Team	W-L
Hit & Miss	96-64
The Monarchs	94-66
OUI 3	94-66
Ally Kats	80-80
Hot Cats	77-83
Dream Catchers	72-88
Wee Bee Bad	71-89

Soon's Runway 56-104
High Scratch Game (Team):
Hit & Miss, 515
High Scratch Series (Team):
Hit & Miss, 1391
High Scratch Game: Arlene
Cook, 203
High Scratch Series: Margot
Schoell, 485

Phantom Mixed

(Week 17)

Team	W-L
The Cajuns	91-45
Strike Force	88-48
So So's	84-52
Lucky Seven	81-55
Strikebusters	80-56
The Dizzy Four	74-62
Alley Oops	69-67
Sweet Revenge	58-78
Avengers	58-78
Six Pack	55-81
Rat Pack	46-90

OWC

(Week 18)

Team	W-L
Lady Flyers	106-38
KIDDS	82-62
Coyotes	82-62
Splitsters	76-68
The Eastsiders	76-68
Alley Cats	70-74
Snuffers	70-74
High Scratch Game: Dru Dickensheet, 181	
High Scratch Series: Donata Oliver, 515	

D-M Pinrollers

(Week 20)

Team	W-L
The Dream Catchers	114-82
Uh Huh Girls	106-50

Team 5 87-73
Annie's Girls 85-75
Dreamers 83-77
L-A-D-Y 80-80
Team 6 79-81
Kachina Dolls 62-90
High Scratch Game (Team):
Uh Huh Girls, 662
High Scratch Series (Team):
Uh Huh Girls, 1930
High Scratch Game: Mary
Stennis, 208
High Scratch Series: Georgia
Barnes, 527

CE Mixed

(Week 17)

Team	W-L
BJs' Bunns	10-2
Good Bad & Ugly	7-5
Just 4 Fun	7-5
Fire Dawgs	7-5
MILF's	6-6
The Cans	5-7
HVAC	5-7
Brew Crew	5-7
Now N Then	5-7
Old Timers	3-9
High Scratch Game (Men): Matt Lundh, 257	
High Scratch Series (Men): Matt Lundh, 662	
High Scratch Game	
(Women): Gail Johnson, 179	
High Scratch Series	
(Women): Gail Johnson, 486	

Thursday Night

(Week 20)

Team	W-L
The Prickly Pairs	106-54
Pick One	104-56
PBJs	92-68
Mission Impossible	90-70
Desert Strikers	88-72

Lickity Splits 87-73
Four Seas 86-74
Road Runners 80-80
Cool Cs 76-84
BMs 75-85
Nice-N-Spicy 68-92
Ice Breakers 68-92
Pintendos 56-104
Bucks-N-Does 44-116
High Scratch Game (Team):
PBJs, 761
High Scratch Series (Team):
PBJs, 2091
High Scratch Game (Men):
Ed Carder, 246
High Scratch Series (Men):
Ed Carder, 677
High Scratch Game
(Women): Patti Secor, 190
High Scratch Series
(Women): Val Schreiterer,
516

Friday Nite Fun

(Week 19)

Team	W-L
Wannabees	100-44
3 Roses & Thorn	86-58
Double Trouble	85-59
AAFES	82-62
The Misfits	80-64
Just Us	80-64
Just Havin' Fun	72-64
More BS	65-79
Gutter Dusters	65-79
O Spare Us	62-82
Kum Cantasi	61-83
High Scratch Game (Team): Double Trouble, 738	
High Scratch Series (Team): Double Trouble, 2123	
High Scratch Game (Men): Tom Lorentz, 244	
High Scratch Series (Men): Bil Croxton, 653	
High Scratch Game	

(Women): Reda Lowe, 221
High Scratch Series
(Women): Kari Snyder, 537

Bantams

(Week 16)

Team	W-L
The Dragons	89-39
Tigers	88-40
N Sync	79-49
High Handicap Game (Team): N Sync, 739	
High Scratch Series (Team): Dragons, 703	
High Handicap Series (Boys): Jonathon Willis, 541	
High Scratch Series (Boys): John Simon, 142	
High Scratch Game (Girls): Sabrina Wayman, 79	
High Scratch Series (Girls): Alicia Jones, 235	

Preps/Juniors/ Majors

(Week 15)

Team	W-L
The Xtremes	82-46
Jaguars	79-49
Alley Cats	76-52
Undertakers	75-53
Unlimited	73-55
Desert Pros	72-56
Fox Hound	62-66
Strikers	60-68
N Sync Fireballs	56-72
Desert Strikers	52-76
The Bulldogs	42-86
Spawn	35-93
High Scratch Game (Team): Desert Pros, 474	
High Scratch Series (Team): Spawn, 1648	

Advertising



Chapel events

Comedy Night at chapel

Twelfth Air Force and D-M's Mothers of Preschoolers group present Comedy Night featuring Carlos Oscar. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. today at Hope Chapel Annex. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for one and \$8 for two. Call 8-5411.

Gospel Jubilee

A gospel extravaganza will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Base Theater. Call 8-4891 for more information.

Strengthen your marriage

Come to the Marriage Builders seminars sponsored by the chapel. Get information on your present or future marriage needs to survive and thrive. Seminars are from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 4859, which is next to the D-M Fire Station on Phoenix Street. Registration is recommended. Call 8-5411 for more information. Scheduled seminars are as follow:

Feb. 23	Your belief about marriage
March 2	Gaining and Losing Romance
March 9	Reviving the Romance
March 16	Personality Differences
March 23	Communication Differences
March 30	Sexual Differences
April 6	Money Differences



On-base clubs

Officers' Club

Today: Cod filet sandwich lunch special is today. Patio Steak Night is from 5 to 8 p.m. \$50 Club Cash Coupon drawing is scheduled.

Saturday: Barbershop is open from 8 to 11 a.m. by appointment.

Sunday: Brunch is served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday: Club is closed for the holiday.

Tuesday: Italian meatball sub lunch special is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday: Soup and salad bar is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday: German buffet is \$12.95 for adults.

Desert Oasis Club

Today: Catfish buffet is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$50 Club Cash Coupon drawing is at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday: Barbershop is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday: All Nighter is from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Monday: Club is closed for the holiday.

Tuesday: BBQ lunch buffet is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bingo is at 6 p.m.

Wednesday: ACC pool tournament playoffs are at 6 p.m.

Thursday: Top 3 Lounge opens at 3 p.m. Playoffs continue at 6 p.m.

New Channel, new programs

The Desert Lightning Commander's Access Channel, (Cox Cable channel 75), is broadcasting rotational programming every three hours. The times listed below are approximate and are only the first cycle.

February programs	Times
Base Announcements	7 to 7:10 a.m.
Air Force TV News	7:10 to 7:40 a.m.
Base Announcements	7:40 to 7:50 a.m.
Army News Watch	7:50 to 8:20 a.m.
Base Announcements	8:20 to 8:30 a.m.
Andersen AFB	8:30 to 8:40 a.m.
AF Commercial	30 seconds
Life of an Airman	8:40 to 8:45 a.m.
AF Commercial	30 seconds
History of the Air Force	8:45 to 8:55 a.m.
AF Commercial	30 seconds
Camouflage, Deception	8:55 to 9:15 a.m.
AF Commercial	30 seconds
Desert Shield/Storm	9:15 to 9:25 a.m.
AF Commercial	30 seconds
Base Announcements	9:25 to 9:55 a.m.



Youth programs

Today: Preteens go to Skate Country. Call the Youth Center.

Saturday: Youth basketball at the Youth Center is schedule. Teen Phoenix shopping trip is scheduled. Call 8-8465.

Monday: Youth Center is closed.

Tuesday: Preteens make pizza from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Wednesday: Primaries will go out for pizza. Call 8-8844. Torch Club meets at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Thursday: Teen Snowfest begins. Group returns Saturday.



Community events

Today: Squat weightlifting meet at the fitness center at 1 p.m.

Saturday: Shop Nogales today. Call Information Tickets and Tours at 8-3700.

Monday: Most Services activities closed for the holiday.

Tuesday: Toastmasters meet at 11:30 a.m. at the library. Call 8-4381.

Wednesday: Cliff dwelling trip is Feb. 24. Call 8-3736.

Thursday: Dragsters on display from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Base Exchange parking lot. Drag races are Feb. 23 through 25. Call ITT at 8-3700 for tickets.

A night for sweethearts

Buffalo Soldiers and People In Community presents "Sweet Soul 2001 Celebration," an event for sweethearts. The event is from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday. The event takes place at the Women's Club at 6245 E. Bellevue, one block north of Speedway off Wilmot. Attendees can enjoy live music performances, comedy,

poetry readings and dancing. Ticket donations are \$10 and are available at Al's Barber Shop located at Grant and 1st Ave. Call 419-0613. Proceeds benefit Buffalo Soldiers Youth program.

Lose weight with TOPS

Lose weight with support from the Take Off Pounds Sensibly group. TOPS is having an open house from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Community Center. Call 546-2292 for more information.

Bands march at Fort Lowell

The 4th Cavalry Regimental Band and the 36th Army Band will perform at Fort Lowell Historical Parade Ground from 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 24. The parade ground is located at 2900 N. Craycroft Road. Not since February 1891, when Fort Lowell was closed, has an official U.S. Army band marched on its historical grounds. Admission and parking are free. Bring chairs and blankets. Call 885-3832 for more information.

Services facilities holiday hours

The following 355th Services Squadron facilities will observe these holiday hours for Presidents Day.

Fitness Center	9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Golf Course	5 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Dining Facility	
(Breakfast)	5:15 to 7:45 a.m.
(Lunch)	10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
(Dinner)	3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Flight Kitchen	Closed for weekend.
Clubs	Closed.

Black History display

Who was Charles Drew? What did Mary Jane Bethune do with \$1.50? Who is General Julius Parker, and what's he doing at the University of Arizona? These are a few of the questions that are answered at the D-M Library's display celebrating Black History Month. Visit the library or call 8-4381.

Dragsters displayed on base

Dragsters will be on display in the D-M Base Exchange parking lot from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday. Spectators can talk with the drivers, inspect the dragsters and hear their engines. Door prizes and complimentary tickets will be given away for the National Hot Rod Association drag races at the Pima County Fairgrounds. Races are from Feb. 23 through 25. Gates open daily at 7:30 a.m. followed by qualifying runs, time trials and racing. Final eliminations are at 9 a.m. Feb. 25. Military-discounted tickets are on sale at Information, Tickets and Tours. Call 8-3700 for more information.

Tour Tonto cliff dwellings

Join the outdoor recreation center on a tour of the Tonto National Monument cliff dwellings, Feb. 24. The dwellings consist of two large buildings, containing a total of 59 rooms. A hike to the upper dwelling is about three-miles roundtrip. Wear comfortable shoes, and bring lunch and a beverage. Transportation for the full-day visit is \$15. Register at Outdoor Recreation, or call 8-3736 for details.



Family support

Monday: Family Support Center is closed for the holiday.

Tuesday: Right Start is from 8 a.m. to noon. Baby Basics class is from noon to 2 p.m. Both are at the Community Center. Time for Tots is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Wednesday: Sponsorship Class is from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Community Center.

Thursday: Fun Time is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Chucky Cheese party

Hearts Apart Group members can join the group for free pizza, soda and tokens from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 24 at Chucky Cheese, 6130 E. Speedway Blvd. Reservations are required. Call 8-5690 for more information.

Give Parents a Break

The Give Parents a Break program is from 2 to 6 p.m. Feb. 24. The program offers free childcare to active-duty Air Force parents who are stressed due to military member being deployed, recently moving to base or unique circumstances. Call 8-5690.

Interview workshop

Attend the interview workshop from 8 to 11 a.m. Feb. 26 to help prepare for a job. The workshop is at the Community Center. Call 8-5690 for more information.



Education services

Web Developer Certification

University of Phoenix is offering a Web Developer Certificate Program at D-M. This program is designed to provide students with competencies to understand, analyze, and develop business computer applications that will operate in the World Wide Web environment. Students will be able to design, develop, test and implement software applications using tools widely accepted in today's technical environment. For more information, please

call Lee Almond at 881-6512 ext. 144.

SAT and ACT testing dates

SAT testing will be held March 2, April 6, and May 4. ACT testing is scheduled for Feb. 23, March 23, April 20, and May 18. Please call 8-4813 or 8-4815 to schedule a date.

Free practice graduate test

Military members who are anxious about taking graduate admissions tests, such as the LSAT, GMAT, GRE, this Spring can take a free practice test at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 24 at the University of Arizona Modern Languages Building or on line anytime at kaplanpracticetest.com. Pre-registration for testing at the university is recommended. Call 622-4256 for more information.



Other agencies

Need a job?

The Civilian Personnel Office is accepting applications or resumes for the Summer Hire Program now until all positions are filled. Applicants may submit items to the Civilian Personnel Flight, Building 3200, Room 213 from 7:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Applications for lifeguards, clerical, and laborer positions will be accepted. Lifeguard applicants are required to have a current Advance Life Saving certificate and a CPR certificate. Positions which involve conducting swimming lessons require a Water Safety Instructor certificate. Possession of the WSI certificate is highly desirable. Applicants for the clerical positions can sign a self-certification for typing in lieu of a performance test certificate. Copies of all certificates must be provided with your application. Call the job recorder line at 8-4103 for job listings. If you have questions, call 8-4122/3844/4121 or 8-3712.

Society of Military Widows meet

The next Society of Military Widows, Chapter 14, meeting will be March 17 at the Officers' Club. The featured program will be "Seeing Eye Dogs." The society is for widows of servicemen who died on active-duty or in retirement. All

services and ranks are welcomed. Call 797-4526 for reservations or 298-1145 for more information.

Enlisted Spouse Association

The next ESA meeting is at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. A social will immediately follow. Call Dena Wakefield at 747-3461 for more information.

ACA reunion in Florida

The Air Commando Association Annual Reunion will be held in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Oct. 11 through 14. This year will mark the 40th anniversary of the fathering of the modern era U.S. Air Force Air Commando and Special Operation forces by Brig. Gen. Benjamin King, U.S. Air Force retired. Call (850) 581-0099, fax (850) 581-8988, e-mail aircomando@aol.com, or check out Web page <http://home.earthlink.net/aircomando1> for more information.

AAFES holiday hours

Army and Air Force Exchange Services will observe the following holiday operating hours for Presidents Day.

Main store	11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Furniture store	Closed.
Military Clothing	Closed.
Car Care Center	Closed.
Shoppette	8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Class Six	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Snack Bar	Closed.
Fun Food	11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Burger King	11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Concessions	Closed.
Theatre	Closed.



Movie theater

Today: Miss Congeniality, (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Saturday: Emperor's New Groove, (G), 7 p.m.

Sunday: Closed.

Feb. 23: All the Pretty Horses, (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Feb. 24: What Women Want, (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Feb. 25: Wes Craven Presents: Dracula 2000, (R), 7 p.m.

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